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ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Amateur Radio License Examinations - the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 PM-SHARP!

CLUB INFORMATION

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W3RQZ - 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA - Trustee W3VVS

W3TKQ - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3PWG

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	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET



APPLE BYTES

Don Gordon, WB3KOJ

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Leslie Sokolow (XYL N3ISE)
- 02 Don Gordon - WB3KOJ
- 06 Susie Lada - N3FTY
- 08 Angelo Drammissi - K3YUN
- Al Rowland - W3JIL
- 09 Jim Bock - K3PHC
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- 13 Dorothy Nicotera (XYL KB2ERL*)
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- 29 Sal Valente - NS3Y
- 30 Frank H. Lewis - N3DGU
- 31 Rheba Bock (XYL W3PHC)

*Indicates New Member in 1992

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join the ARRL or renew your current membership?
Remember: The ARRL is more than just a magazine subscription!
Help Phil-Mont by joining or renewing through the club.
Contact KB3IV for the details.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's that time again! With this *BLURB* you received your 1993 Dues Invoice/Directory Information Sheet.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFORMATION AND RETURN TO KB3IV WITH YOUR DUES... YOUR EARLY REPLY WILL SPEED THE PUBLISHING OF THE 1993 DIRECTORY.

HELP THE CLUB.... PAY DUES EARLY

HOBBIES

Ham it up on the radio

Converse with a cosmonaut in space, hear about the corn crop in the Midwest, find out the latest fad on the West Coast—all from the comfort of your home.

If you've thought of becoming an amateur radio operator—or ham—the process isn't difficult. The Federal Communications Commission offers a license that requires passing a written test of 55 questions on radio operating rules, safety procedures and radio communications, says Steve Mansfield of the American Radio Relay League. Previously, an entry-level license to operate on amateur frequencies in the United States required being capable of receiving five words of Morse code per minute. Since the new licenses became available in 1991, more than 32,000 people have earned ham licenses,

Mansfield says. "A license brings enthusiasts a new window—and voice box—to the world."

Using ham radio equipment, hams have talked with a Russian cosmonaut aboard the space station Mir. Famous hams include television journalist Walter Cronkite, rock musician Joe Walsh and astronaut Ron Parise.

Al Grandfield, 82, a ham operator in Covina, California, for more than 40 years, says the hobby has given him a chance to meet fascinating people and have a great time. Grandfield is a chapter [sic] member of Sam's Radio Hams, a group of about 85 amateur operators in the western United States. "If I had an emergency, I'd be able to get help quickly," he says.

Mature Outlook—via KC2HX



The PREZ SEZ

Bill Popovic, N3FVI



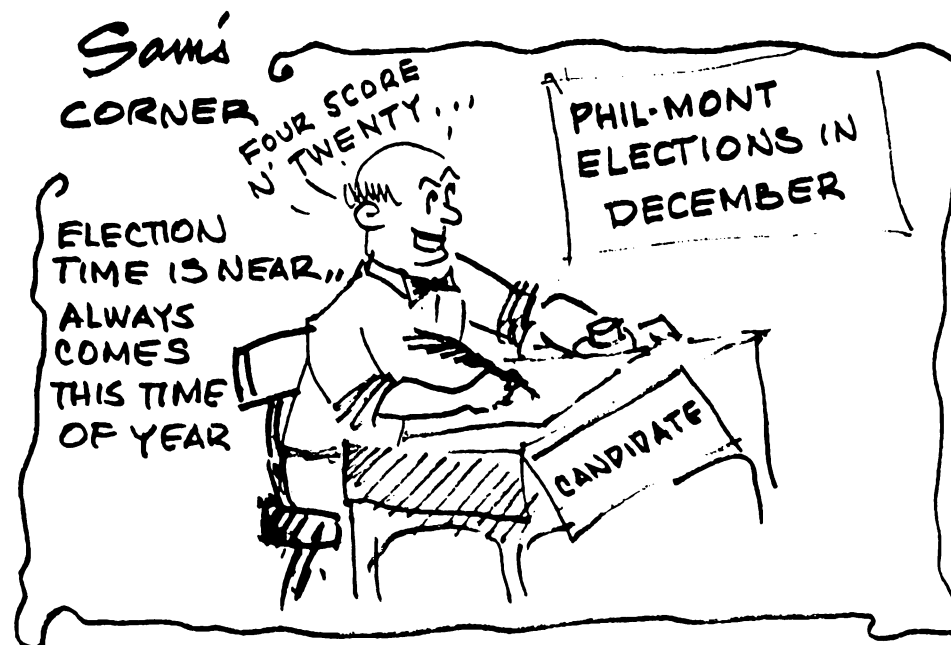
Ready or not it's that time of year again. Time to think about how many shopping days left 'till Christmas, and a New Year's resolution you might keep for a few days.

There's always the usual "I'm gonna straighten up the shack," or "I'm gonna lose some tonnage." Instead of making a resolution you won't keep, why not try one that's fun and rewarding: try spending some time at W3TKQ, help at a VE session, Elmer a new ham, or participate at a special event. Hopefully you will be pleasantly surprised that you enjoyed the experience.

Thanks to those who already volunteer. This hobby has probably provided you with many hours of enjoyment, so it's only fair to give back a little. At the very least renew your membership with the ARRL, and/or PMRC, either of which will do its part to perpetuate amateur radio.

This will be my last article as I turn over the gavel to Ed next month. Thanks for putting up with my lousy writing for the past two years, and many thanks for your support and help which made my job enjoyable. 73 and happy holidays to all.

Vote N3FVI for director!



LOOKAHEAD

Dec 2	General Meeting Campaign Speeches and Elections
Dec 3	License Examinations
Dec 16	Directors' Meeting at N3GLU & KB3IV's
Jan 6	General Meeting
Jan 7	License Examinations
Jan 20	Directors' Meeting

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HAMFESTS

Jan 16	FORT MYERS, FL Fort Myers ARC <i>[Hmm, think I'll go!-Ed]</i>
Mar 21	NEW CASTLE, DE Penn-Del ARC

NEWSLETTERS EXCHANGED

Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society (BRATS)
Cherryville Repeater Association (NJ)
Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC)
Delmont Radio Club
EASTLINK
Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club
Marple-Newtown Amateur Radio Club
Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
Mobile Sixers Radio Club
Penn Wireless Association
R F Hill Amateur Radio Club
Reading Radio Club
Sussex Amateur Radio Ass'n (SARA) (Delaware)
Tompkins County Amateur Radio Club (New York)
Warminster Amateur Radio Club
Worldradio Magazine
Exchanges with additional parties are welcomed.

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring a their original license and one photocopy of it. All applicants, including children, must present positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1992 test fee is \$5.40; there is no charge for a Novice test.

Monthly, 1st Thursday
The FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
(215) 482-0386
(215) 879-0505

Monthly, 3rd Thursday
BELLMAWR, NJ
Bill Helmatag
(609) 546-7710

Irregularly
BRYN MAWR
Bob Lees
(215) 265-6032

Monthly, 1st Thursday
LEVITTOWN
Dave Heller, K3TX
(215) 946-1040
(215) 736-3333

Monthly, 3rd Wednesday
MORRISVILLE
Dave Munson, NM3K
(215) 788-7515

Monthly, 1st Monday
POTTSTOWN
Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

Monthly, 3rd Monday
TELFORD
Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

Monthly, Last Saturday
UNIVERSITY OF PA
Garrett Klein, WZ3G
(215) 898-8538 *shack*
(215) 222-8752 *home*

Odd Months, Last Wednesday
WARMINSTER
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

Fee increases to \$5.60 in 1993.

A Proposal to Improve Your Club

Notice of Intent to Amend—11/13/92 by AK2I

This notice to amend is made as per instructions in Article 18 - Amendments currently in the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club's Bylaws as last amended on 1/1/86.

Notice is hereby made by AK2I to amend **Article 8 - Officers** of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club as follows:

Section 1 - Officers - The officers of this Association shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. No change is suggested for the Board of Directors except as noted.

This recommendation is made to strengthen the club, maintain a continuity needed for the officers, and to provide people who will be properly trained for the job on a year to year basis. For example:

The office of First Vice President would automatically move to the President's office along with any candidates that might be held in nomination either from the floor or from the nominations committee itself. It is obvious that the time spent in office in both the First and Second Vice President's positions would be excellent training that otherwise heretofore has gone to waste. A continuity of good, productive, hard working officers is continually assured for at least a four year period. Very few of our previous Vice Presidents have gone on to become President, and that is wasteful of the energies and efforts put forth while in these offices.

This move would also strengthen the officers, maintain a continuity needed for the work that the President might not have had time to complete, and provide people who will devote at least four years to the growth of Phil-Mont.

It is also recommended that the President move automatically to a Director's position after his or her term in office, thereby providing another pillar of strength and continuity for the club.

While it might seem that this restructuring of offices would make it more difficult to provide candidates, it would move to strengthen the existing offices as well as provide candidates who obviously would commit a greater length of time than otherwise to the organization. I firmly believe this move to restructure would provide strength while still providing candidates either from the floor or through the nominations committee.

Article 9 - Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President - No change from the current By-Laws

Section 2 - First Vice President. The First Vice President shall be vested with all the powers, and shall perform all the duties of the President during the absence of the latter, and shall have such other duties as may, from time to time, be determined by the Board of Directors.

In the event that the President shall be absent from any meeting, the First Vice President shall preside. In addition the First VP will work with the Second VP to find and present stimulating programs for the General meetings, and will also Chair the Audit Committee. This office will also be responsible for determining, by committee, special events such as Family night in June, and Old Timers' Night in November, and the means and procedures by which these special meetings are conducted.

This office will also be responsible for conducting the search for a Nominations Committee Chairman, the Judge of Elections, and the program for the special meeting in which this candidate becomes the official President of the club.

Section 2A - The Second Vice President - is to work with the First VP in setting up committees and programs throughout the year. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for the Special Christmas Program for Phil-Mont in whatever format he or she deems appropriate. The Second VP will be responsible for the club's 50/50 sale at each meeting, as well as the funds to turn over to the Treasurer. The Second VP will automatically become a member of the Audit and Finance Committee. The Second VP will also be responsible for preparing a comprehensive list of the club's equipment in all of its locations, and recording that information for review by the Board of Directors. This inventory should be completed by June of the year for presentation to the Board in July.

This amendment if made under Section 1 Article Eighteen Page 6 of the current By Laws which states: The members of this Association may, by a majority vote of those members present and voting, alter, amend, suspend, or annul these by laws at any General Meeting or Special meeting called for this purpose, provided that notice of intent to amend has been published in the official Association publication at least one month prior to the meeting.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

DIRECTOR**Bob Schmilewski, K3KUD**

Licensed since 1960, and a Phil-Mont-er since 1961, I served as Editor of the *BLURB* for 9½ years, and as Chairman of the Nominating and Awards Committees several times.

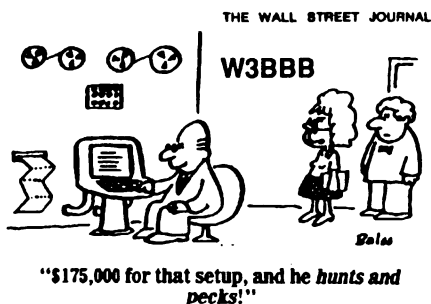
I have been active in Field Day, SET, Philadelphia Distance Run, and Rotary Club sponsored Road Rallies, usually as the communications control operator.

Most recently I was instrumental in making the contacts and obtaining permission for the installation of our Center City Input at the Bell Telephone Building at #1 Parkway, and assisted in the installation of the equipment.

I was responsible for the design of the anti-torque device for the tower at The Franklin Institute, and assisted with its installation.

A semi-retired Registered Professional Engineer, I am an ARRL Volunteer Consulting Engineer, a member of QCWA, and an inactive Rooster (with a hand-made certificate).

A widower, I have the time, experience, and desire to continue to serve the club with active participation.

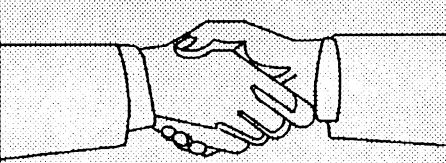
DIRECTOR**Ben Roesman, W3LKI**

Belonging to Phil-Mont for almost 30 years is a fortunate experience for me.

I have seen the high calibre of membership grow to new heights. From the past until now, all of us working for common goals to share with each other, and to help Phil-Mont grow with Amateur Radio.

This continuity of goals has culminated in our newly rededicated W3TKQ, known world-wide.

It's great to be part of Phil-Mont. If elected, I will contribute my best efforts.



NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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CALL:	AA3CH
NAME:	Russell Stafford
HANDLE:	Russ
CLASS:	Extra
ADDRESS:	RD-1 Box 426 Newcastle, DE 19729-0426
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OCCUPATION:	CEO, HDJ, Inc
INTERESTS:	VE Testing

MINUTES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary

N3FVI opened the 516th general meeting at 7:38 p.m. Attendance was FANTASTIC. There were 36 club members and 20 guests. The guests were: Charles Phelps; George Simon, N3MRS; Wayne Lewis, N3MUG; Don DiGiovanni, N3NJI; Charles Stahl, KC3KK; Roberto Ellison, N3NDX; Charles Whelan, KB3GAJ; Fred Lamberti, KA3TLE; Len Kravitz, KD2CR; John Fisher, K2JF; Matt Parker, K2JF; Matt Parker, N2MGI; Don Stasney, N3LJC; Carl White; Ron Sheppard; John Mills, N3NNM; Jackie Chedeville; George Cahill, N3NLI; Ted Braverman (*he took the attendance*); Tom Maresca; and Dottie Scialdone, K3YPH.

KB3IV reported that the treasury paid out 3 times what it took in this month due to bills being held for 2 months, and being presented. Ed asked that all renewals, and new applications to the ARRL be done through the club; for details call him.

N3FVI, for ND3Q: reported that if you're a Volunteer Examiner, contact Dusty to help out at a test session.

N3DHI reported that the crackling noise on UHF is acknowledged, and the problem will be solved as soon as 'BBB' returns from the distant golf courses.

AK2I offered greetings for the REAL Old-timers, and gave an impromptu quiz to identify the true Old-timers.

Jake reported that the Ten-Tec Omni VI was in, and would be installed in the 6th position of the console for the GUEST OPERATORS. With the Omni VI, there is also from N3FVI a Ten-Tec tuner to go in that panel. Jake suggested that members stop in and see the new "Typical Novice Station" in the station.

There will be a new exhibit where the Antique Radio Exhibit is now, "The Armstrong Exhibit" is a joint project of The Institute and PMRC (Jake is heading up this one also). Paul, W3VVS got Jake going on this one after the Empire Of The Air show on PBS, by asking Jake to check if Armstrong ever received the Franklin Medal (given by The Institute). After doing some investigation, Jake found 15 boxes from Armstrong's estate,

stored in The Institute since 1941, containing personal items, and equipment from his experiments. Also contained was The Franklin Medal and 13 other medals Armstrong had received. Jake has asked Paul, W3VVS to assist due to his extensive knowledge of antique equipment.

AK2I opened the floor to nominations for the upcoming elections. Al, W3STW nominated Stuart, N3GWG for director. The slate is:

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT
KB3IV	N3GMH WT3X
TREASURER	SECRETARY
W3IIN W3YLT	N3AXJ WU3I
DIRECTORS (vote for two)	
W3BBB KA3EBC N3FVI W3GQD	N3GWG K3KUD W3LKI

Next month's meeting is scheduled to be on the fourth floor by the station.

W3IIM for 'IIN (she's the prettier of the two): reported that due to a tough day at the polls, she could not make the meeting.

Jack announced he had various membership stuff for the following members: KA3LCW, WE3D, WA3NSP, N3MQL, N3MUK, N3GPT, KB3URL, N3MDQ, KA3NKT, N2OML, N2JFF, N3KGH. He announced that badges are ordered in batches, and sometimes take a while.

The *BLURB* will be out a week early next month, so those who absolutely cannot make it to the meeting can get the absentee ballots in on time for the election. All candidates to see Jack to have their mug shot taken for our intrepid artist Sam to do their caricature and don't forget the BIO for the *BLURB*.

The 50-50 was sold by N3FTC, drawn by N3NLR, and won by WA3KLR. [1099 is in the mail.-Ed]

N3FVI introduced Carl White and Ron Sheppard from PECO for a program on power line safety. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MINUTES

NOVEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary

N3FVI opened the meeting at 8:19 P.M. at the home of Lorriane and Jake Kovalchek (AK2I). Attending were W3s IIM, IIN, BBB, RM, STW, GQD, KC2HX, WU3I, K3KUD, KB3IV, N3FVI, AK2I, and keeping Lorriane company were Gracie Smith, XYL of K3GBA, and Jackie Chedeville, XYL of W3GQD.

KB3IV reported that the treasury dispensed twice what it took in this month however Ed predicts not to run out of money by the end of the year.

W3IIN for membership: one new applicant to vote on: Woosup Lee, N3NDV. N3FVI made a motion to accept, W3RM seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Jinny reported there will be seven applicants [eight, actually—Ed] for December—a new record.

There will have to be a Budget Committee meeting before the December General meeting, requiring the presence of KB3IV, W3BBB, N3FVI, and W3IIN.

WU3I read the minutes of the General Meeting, and noted a correction.

W3BBB on the repeater: Jim has talked to WT3P in getting help to get frequency coordination for the UHF links into Roxboro.

AK2I reported that all 25 photos of W3TKQ, taken by Jules, N3IZZ were sold, and most of the buyers gave in excess of the asking price. Jake at this time presented a framed photo to W3BBB for his help in building the "New W3TKQ."

Jake reported on a meeting with Bill Booth, Director of Exhibits; Gladys Brewer,

Curator; Donna Clairborne, Assistant; and Henry Disston, V.P. of The Franklin Institute, about "The Armstrong Exhibit." Approval has been given for the exhibit with design approval by PMRC, and financing by The Institute. A suggestion was made for an endless tape video player for the exhibit, with excerpts of the Empire Of The Air program. The Institute also suggested that if enough room was not in the station, we could consider the putting the exhibit in the hall preceding W3TKQ.

The Ten-Tec OMNI VI has arrived and is in Lansdale for installation in the sixth panel. The TS-450S will be for guest operations. Having no volunteers, AK2I was coerced into being Judge of Elections again this year.

W3RM presented W3IIN with the monthly listing of new hams licensed in the area. A discussion followed as how to make best use of this information for garnering new members. W3STW will contact new hams to invite to a meeting.

W3IIN reported that the stationery was ordered with envelopes and second sheets.

NEW BUSINESS: AK2I proposed an amendment to the bylaws Articles 8 & 9. He will head a committee to draft the proposal for presentation to the membership.

OLD BUSINESS: Lorraine Kovalchek presented KC2HX with a cake for his 66th birthday.

W3RM made the motion to adjourn, K3KUD seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Thanks to Lorraine and Jake for their hospitality.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

DIRECTOR

Bill Chedeville, W3GQD

I have been honored by being nominated as a candidate for the position of Director of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. I have been a continuous member of Phil-Mont since 1968.

Although this is my first nomination as Director, I have in the past held the offices of Vice President and Secretary. Being a Director is a position I will take seriously.

My experience in amateur radio began in 1956 as WN3GQD. I am presently holding an advanced class license.

My main interest in amateur radio is the technical aspect, such as building VHF transceivers, and upgrading existing equipment.

My wife Jackie, and I will be celebrating our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in 1993. We have two daughters and one son ranging in age from 17 to 23 years.

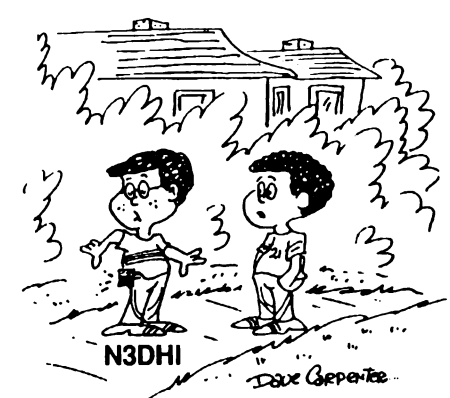
I have been employed by the General Electric Company for twenty-seven years, and currently work as a Systems Test Specialist.

It would be a great experience and privilege to be elected as a Director, and serve on your governing committee. My goal would be to promote the continuous quality growth of our club.

DIRECTOR

Stuart Tener, N3GWG

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



W3TKQ Operators' Net

The last Wednesday of every month.
Don't Miss It!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

DIRECTOR*Charlie Weigand, KA3EBC*

During the past two years I have been very proud to be in charge of special events for PMRC, and now I have an opportunity to become even more involved in this fine club.

While I have only been a Phil-Mont member for three years, I have been a licensed Amateur for twelve years, and my interest in radios and electronics stems back to my days as a Marine in the 2nd & 3rd Divisions in the sixties.

I am also a committee member for the Cancer Society, Route Boss for the M.S. 150 and Cancer Society Bike-a-Thons, and a coordinator for the Super Cities Center City Walk.

I have always been proud to be a Ham, and of what Amateur Radio represents and portrays to the world and its children.

While I'm not running to be a world leader, being a director of a club that has the unique ability to touch so many lives, opens up a wonderful chance to provide ever more to the hobby through the continued growth and brilliance of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club.

DIRECTOR*Bill Popovic, N3FVI*

I have enjoyed serving as Club President for the past two years, and hope to further serve as a Director.

I have been interested in electronics and communications since tuning the bands on my parents Grundig console radio when I was five years old.

I was licensed about five years ago through the VE Testing at The Franklin Institute. I probably would have started much sooner had I known about amateur radio. This why I have spent so much time, effort, and money at W3TKQ.

Phil-Mont has seen many improvements over the past two years, including the rebuilding of W3TKQ, improvements to the repeater, off-site inputs, and a healthy increase in membership. I'm proud to be part of these, and plan to help continue these and other improvements.

If elected I promise a ham in every shack, a Handi-Talkie in every hand, and to fix the national debt! (You wouldn't be a real politician if you didn't break some campaign promises.)

73 and hope to see you election night, which will be held at W3TKQ instead of room 502.

"DON'T TAILGATE—WAIT"—for the courtesy chime!

Impaired Hams

George Starks, AA2FU

The FCC has made accommodations to exempt those persons, with impairments, from the code speeds greater than 5WPM, under section 97.505 (a) (5) (i) (ii). No specific impairment is included or excluded.

The ultimate authority for granting of this exemption lies with the FCC, not the examinee or his or her physician (M.D. or D.O. ONLY). No one else should be involved in this decision.

However it has been brought to my attention that there are individuals in the Amateur ranks that look down upon those who have obtained their license in this manner as lesser hams.

It is my opinion that no individual should

look down on the impaired. Unless a person has suffered with, or lives with an impairment, they can't understand what that person suffers. This doesn't make them any less a person or a ham.

Being legally deaf myself, I applied for the exemption as allowed by law, and was granted that exemption by the FCC. I studied hard to pass my written exams, and feel I'm just as entitled to the Extra Class ticket, granted to me by the FCC, as any other Extra Class licensee.

Let's all examine ourselves, thank God for what we have, and try to be a little more considerate and understanding of those less fortunate.



Take an aspirin, and call your broker in the morning!



REPORT

by
Jake Kovalchek,
AK2I

Our packet station BBS at W3TKQ is now accessible directly on 144.99 MHz for your use and enjoyment as your personal BBS, or as a source for NTS traffic, either to send or receive if you're so inclined. We have taken on a reduced role as our mission statement so indicates: "...W3TKQ serves as a home BBS for ARRL and PMRC members, as well as an NTS/Traffic source for visitors to The Franklin Institute Science Museum."

The Treasures of Edwin H Armstrong

On Thursday, November 5, 1992, I was given the privilege of opening some fifteen cartons of equipment and memorabilia from the estate and collection of the late Edwin H. Armstrong. Armstrong, as you will recall, was recognized for his work in regeneration and the oscillating vacuum tube circuits, as well as the invention of the superheterodyne circuit.

What a thrill it was to discover old sections of experimental equipment, and pieces of other equipment put together by this famous gentleman. I even uncovered his U.S. Army dress and fatigue caps and gun belt, all in very good condition.

The photographs uncovered were fantastic, and will provide a wonderful story, for when I finish, I hope to present to the members of Phil-Mont a full fledged exhibit of Armstrong's ideas, philosophies and some authentic equipment.

One of the most astounding discoveries was the carton containing the gold medals Armstrong received for his work; medals like The Franklin Medal, awarded in 1941, The Egleston Medal, The John Scott Medal and The Holly Medal. I'll try to detail these in the exhibit, but for now it appears this collection will take some time to properly sort and define, so keep tuned to this page for further word on when the exhibit will become a reality.

I have been granted the authority by Mr. Bill Booth, the Vice President of Exhibits, to develop the exhibit, in cooperation with a lot of other fine people in The Institute, such as Gladys Breuer, Curator; Donna Claiborne, Assistant Director Exhibits; and Henry Disston, Assistant Director of Interpretive Services.

I can't wait to see the final product.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

TREASURER

Bob Freer, W3YLT

DIRECTOR

Jim Spencer, W3BBB

I am a candidate for election to the Board of Governors [*Board of what?—Ed*] of Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club this year. I am a Charter member of this organization, having served as President twice, as Secretary for 5 terms, and as Treasurer for 3 terms.

I have been associated with our repeater since its inception in 1963. I have constructed 5 Command Centers for Phil-Mont, the most recent of which is still in service with Abington Township. I have been a member of the Edge Hill Fire Co., North Hills, PA. for 40 years.

My hobbies are radio and golf—not necessarily in that order. In addition, I play a fair game of bridge and talk a lot. I smoke a pipe, drink nothing stronger than Coca Cola, and swear a little. I am 69 years old and have yet to see my obituary in the papers—I'll keep you posted.

My ambition in life is to keep my sense of humor, shoot my age on the golf course on my 80th birthday, and get in a few more shots at the Editor and AK2I. My theory is that since Phil-Mont has been around since 1949, we must be doing something right. The things that keep us together are the *Blurb*, the Repeater, and W3TKQ—in that order. Let's hope we can keep it up for another 43 years.

If you see fit to elect me again, I'll try to keep Phil-Mont headed in an active, but sensible direction on the future.

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our editor with the minutes of the club meetings, both the General and the Board of Directors' meetings, in prompt and proper format so that they could be printed for all to read in the next monthly issue of the *BLURB*. This is something which I believe has never been done before. [*Except when my wife, Jinny, W3IIN was secretary—Ed*]

I faithfully attend all PMRC meetings, and as many of the other activities we as a Club participate in, as possible.

I sincerely hope that when considering your vote for Secretary, you give me the chance to provide you with the same dedicated service I have given in the past. Thank You!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

SECRETARY*Steve Hoch, WU3I*

Well, it's that time again.

Hello fellow members of Phil-Mont. As a candidate for reelection to the position of Club Secretary, I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who may not know much about me yet, as well as let you who do know me, know a little more about myself.

I have been a licensed ham for the better part of fourteen years, the past ten as an active member of PMRC. First licensed with the call KA3AMO, I have just received the call WU3I in December of 1991.

I am currently an Extra Class Licensee. I am also a very active ARRL accredited Volunteer Examiner that many of you may have met if you have taken your license examinations at The Franklin Institute Science Museum. I am a Volunteer Operator at W3TKQ, the premiere operating station of the Delaware Valley.

Presently I am employed at several occupations, but the mainstay is with SEPTA as an operator on the Market-Frankford Line.

I find time to stay active in as many club functions as possible, as does my lovely wife Joann, N3FTC (you all know her as Ernie, DSG's girlfriend. Hi Hi).

I have four children ranging in age from 10 to 19 years. They enjoy The Franklin Institute and Corestates Bike Race, but I have not been able to persuade them to try Ham radio.

I am running for reelection for the office of Secretary, the office I currently am honored to hold. In the past year I have provided

TREASURER*Jinny Haring, W3IIN*

Just like the proverbial "Bad Penny," I keep on turning up and running for office. Since our incumbent treasurer, Ed, KB3IV, has decided to step up to the presidency, I thought I would give the office of treasurer another "Run for Its Money", (pardon the pun).

I have held the office of Treasurer in 1983 and 1984, and the office of Secretary in 1985 and 1986. From 1983 to the present I have been "keeper of the archives," new member and budget-audit committees chairperson, have served as a director, was on two banquet committees, on several awards committees, have been active in many PMRC special events, and recently helped to refurbish W3TKQ.

As you can see, I've had my fingers (and nose) in just about everything that happens in Phil-Mont, and I'm glad that I can devote some of my time and talents to the club.

There will be no "Bad Pennies" in the treasury when I am elected Treasurer. I will work hard to keep Phil-Mont's treasury in the black, despite some of our well known members who do like to spend money! *[Boy, won't it be great if the BLURB publisher is also the treasurer!—Ed]*

Come and see the extravaganza presented by the candidates on Election Night in December! If you can't make the meeting, don't forget to send in your Absentee Ballot.

Thank you all for your votes on election night.

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Public Service Takes Many Forms

Article by MIKE JOHNSON, *The Pine Island Eagle*

You're several miles off shore. The boat motor quits. You have no marine radio. Sundown is fast approaching.

Odds are, The Sundowners are fast approaching as well. The non-profit, search and rescue flying club has been soaring over local *[SW Florida—Ed]* waters since 1965, alerting the Coast Guard to troubled boaters.

Now they've fired off a distress signal of their own. The group needs \$11,000 to replace an aircraft engine.

Since the group receives no government funding, only the generosity of individual boaters, civic, fraternal, and business organizations keeps them in the air. \$11,000 is no

small sum to the group.

To maintain their schedule of patrolling the skies, the club owns two planes and leases another. It has 60 pilots and 150 observers in its membership. The group flies Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, departing Page Field 90 minutes before sunset. They also fly on Monday mornings to make sure there are no stranded weekend stragglers.

Marjorie Dejong acts as an observer who rides with the pilot searching for troubled boaters. "It sure is beautiful—the sunsets are gorgeous over the Gulf, and the islands are as beautiful as Hawaii," she says. *[Just ask Gil!—Ed]*



Congratulations to Sam Kuncевич— 420 issues "and still going!"



91ST MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS NOVEMBER

18 candidates pass 20 elements
3 new amateurs plus 7 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

George Starks, AA2FU; Niel Leone, W3FZR; Frenchie Andrews, W3IRS;
Ray Chung, KC3NU; Al Tribble, W3STW; Vince Braxton, K3SNZ;
Sal Valente, NS3Y; Bob Forrester, NS3Z

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TODAY YOU COULDN'T GET ONE SQUARE
FOOT FOR THAT PRICE!

* IN UNIFORM

MEET THE CANDIDATES

VICE PRESIDENT

Pat Rush, W3TX

I have been an Extra Class operator for a year, and have been involved with amateur radio and Phil-Mont for three years.

On Sundays, I am a volunteer operator at W3TKQ, and I enjoy sharing the amateur radio hobby with the visiting public and my fellow volunteer operators. I've strived to show my commitment to Phil-Mont and to W3TKQ by attending meetings and operating sessions regularly. I also am a volunteer in the VE testing program at The Franklin Institute.

My other hobby is personal computers.

My occupation is CPA/accountant, and I have been in this field for 14 years. I have a Master's degree from Drexel University, and am presently in the M.B.A. program at Widener University.

My wife Donna and I live in Haver-town, and we have one son, Justin.

It would be a pleasure to serve Phil-Mont in the capacity as an officer of the club.

SECRETARY

Perry Blum, N3AXJ

You might ask - Who am I, and what can I do for Phil-Mont?

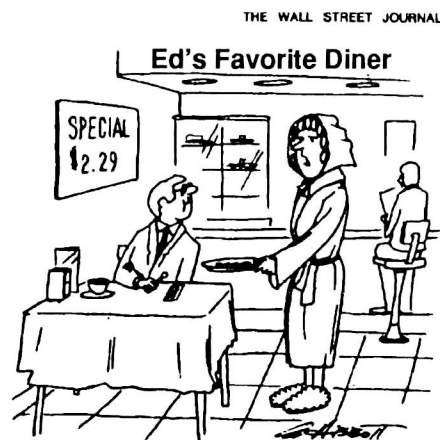
Well, I'm the guy who wrote the three articles on B-17 experience in WW II. That tells you I can at least write! It also tells you I'm not a young race horse. I have no problem getting free rides on a SEPTA bus.

I have been a ham and member of Phil-Mont for more than ten years.

If you want somebody that's there when you need him, and writes down what takes place at the meetings - I'm your guy!!

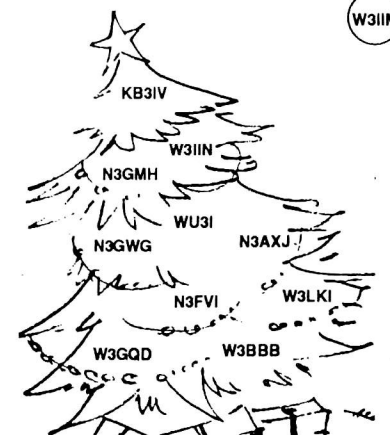
Don't be an absentee voter. Come to the meeting and see who you're voting for to run your club.

VOTE THE RIGHT WAY. VOTE AXJ!



"You ordered the 'home-style' breakfast?"

Who's who?



MEET THE CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT**Ed Masarsky, KB3IV**

Surprise!! I'm not running for Treasurer again. No it's not because all the money is gone. Phil-Mont is in great financial shape.

Those of you who have been around our club for a long time remember John Tinaglia, W3AWH, who was the most persuasive Nominating Committee Chairperson we ever had. Well, Jake, AK2I, runs a very close second to John. When Jake called and asked me to run for President of Phil-Mont, it was like hearing John again, I just could not say NO!

I have been an officer in Phil-Mont for eleven years. I joined the club in 1980, having been a Ham since 1978. I was elected to the office of Treasurer for 1982 and went on to be President in 1983 and 1984. I was again elected Treasurer in 1985 and have held the office until the present. (I finally beat you BBB!)

Phil-Mont has given me many new friends over the years, who are now great old friends, and I want to continue to serve all of you.

We have a terrific slate of candidates for all the other positions, and I urge you to come to the December meeting to help elect next year's leaders of Phil-Mont. If you can't make it to election night, please take the time to mark your choice on the absentee ballot that came with this *BLURB*. We need everyone's support to keep Phil-Mont as the premier Ham Radio organization it is today, and will be for many years to come.

Thank you,

VICE PRESIDENT**Paul Policarpo, N3GMH**

For many of you who use 2 Meters, my name and call will not be familiar, but yours is to me since I monitor 2 meters at work.

I am the owner and operator of Audio Phonics, an electronic repair center for more than twenty-one years.

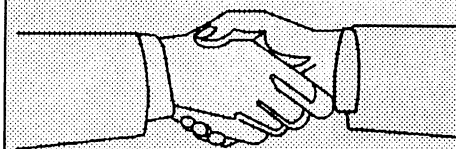
As a member of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club for the last four years, I have been a regular participant in special events for the club and a volunteer at 'TKQ. I am getting involved in packet radio, although CW is my favorite operating mode.

My interests are not limited to PMRC and 'TKQ. Currently, I am President of Meadowview Sportsmen, Inc., a non-profit corporation. I sit on the Parents' Advisory Council of St. Joseph University, and the Parents' Association of Merion Mercy Academy. As a former member of Lions' Club International, and the South Philadelphia Businessmen's Association, I have held various positions and chaired many committees in both groups.

Some of my hobbies include hunting, fishing, skiing, travelling and ham radio. I am also an avid sports enthusiast.

Many of my interests are shared with my wife and two daughters.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information with you, and I do look forward to being elected Vice-President of PMRC.

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

CALL: **KB3AHQ**
NAME: George Sellers, Jr.
HANDLE: George
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 1649 Brill Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19124
HOME PHONE: (215) 535-0353
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 725-4700
OCCUPATION: Electronic Technician
INTERESTS: Repeater & Technical

CALL: **KD2CR**
NAME: Leonard Kravitz
HANDLE: Len
CLASS: Advanced
ADDRESS: 421 Central Avenue
 Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097
HOME PHONE: (609) 853-6107
BUSINESS PHONE:
OCCUPATION: Retired
INTERESTS: W3TKQ

CALL: **KB2GAJ**
NAME: Robert Whelan
HANDLE: Bob
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 18A W. Coulter Avenue
 Collingswood, NJ 08108
HOME PHONE: (609) 854-5697
BUSINESS PHONE:
OCCUPATION: Student
INTERESTS: Repeater & Technical

CALL: **N2MGI**
NAME: Matt Parker
HANDLE:
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 8201 Henry Ave. Apt M29
 Philadelphia, PA 19128
HOME PHONE: (215) 484-2186
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 643-2100 x253
OCCUPATION: Computer Systems Manager
INTERESTS: W3TKQ

CALL: **N3NDX**
NAME: Roberto Ellison, Sr.
HANDLE: Bert
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 842 S. 58th Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19143
HOME PHONE: (215) 472-7445
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) MU6-3240
OCCUPATION: Police Officer
INTERESTS:

CALL: **N3NLI**
NAME: George Cahill
HANDLE: George
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 5563 Wheeler Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19143
HOME PHONE: (215) 724-0660
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 875-4804
OCCUPATION: Public Safety Officer
INTERESTS:

CALL: **KA3TLE**
NAME: Alfred Lamberti
HANDLE: Fred
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 7233 Marsden Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19135
HOME PHONE: (215) 338-2806
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 332-0353
OCCUPATION: Maintenance Repairman II
INTERESTS:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 N3ALW WU3I WT3P W3STW CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM	2 N3AXJ KD2CR N2JF K3PHC GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 PM Meeting starts after 7:30	3 N3FVI AK2I W3STW NU3Y LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 PM <i>sharp!</i>	4 WE3D WU3I W3LKI KA3WWK	5 N3GMH K3JJO KA4PWG K3TEF KA3WWK NS3Y W3YLT
6 AA2FU N2JFF WB3JUA WT3X KT3Z 2M NCS NS3Z 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3PWG	7 W3PWG WU3I K3VXU <i>Pearl Harbor 1941</i>	8 N3ALW WU3I WT3P W3STW CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM	9 N3AXJ KD2CR N2JF K3PHC	10 N3FVI AK2I W3STW NU3Y	11 WE3D WU3I W3LKI KA3WWK	12 N3GMH KA4PWG K3TEF KA3WWK NS3Y
13 AA2FU N2JFF WB3JUA WT3X KT3Z 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3AOA <i>Geminid Meteor Shower</i>	14 W3PWG WU3I K3VXU	15 N3ALW WU3I WT3P W3STW CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM <i>Bill of Rights Day</i>	16 N3AXJ KD2CR N2JF K3PHC DIRECTORS' MEETING at N3GLU & KB3IV's	17 N3FVI AK2I W3STW NU3Y <i>Wright Brothers</i> <i>Flight 1903</i>	18 WE3D WU3I W3LKI KA3WWK	19 N3GMH KA4PWG K3TEF KA3WWK NS3Y
20 AA2FU N2JFF WB3JUA WT3X KT3Z 2M NCS AK2I 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3RCE <i>Chanukah</i>	21 W3PWG WU3I K3VXU <i>Winter Solstice</i> <i>Pilgrims Landed 1620</i>	22 N3ALW WU3I WT3P W3STW <i>Ursid Meteor Shower</i>	23 N3AXJ KD2CR N2JF K3PHC	24 N3FVI AK2I W3STW NU3Y	25 W3TKQ closed  <i>Christmas</i>	26 N3GMH KA4PWG K3TEF KA3WWK NS3Y
27 AA2FU N2JFF WB3JUA WT3X KT3Z 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS AK2I	28 W3PWG WU3I K3VXU <i>Woodrow Wilson 1856</i>	29 N3ALW WU3I WT3P W3STW	30 N3AXJ KD2CR N2JF K3PHC  OPERATORS' NET at 8 PM	31 N3FVI AK2I W3STW NU3Y  <i>Straight Key Night</i>	<i>If your only tool is a hammer, you see every problem as a nail.</i>	

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

This is your Official Absentee Ballot for the PMRC Election of Officers to be held on December 2, 1992.
This ballot must be in the hands of the Judge-of-Elections before voting begins on election night.

PROCEDURE:

1. Make your selections below.
2. Seal this ballot in an unmarked envelope.
3. Place inside another envelope, and on the outside write: "ABSENTEE BALLOT FROM <your call>."
4. Mail, or deliver to the Judge-of-Elections before the election begins.

NOTE: If, after submitting your absentee ballot, you find you are able to attend the election, you may claim your unopened envelope prior to casting a regular ballot.

PRESIDENT	() KB3IV	Ed Masarsky	()
VICE-PRESIDENT	() N3GMH	Paul Policarpo	() WT3X Pat Rush
SECRETARY	() WU3I	Steve Hoch	() N3AXJ Perry Blum
TREASURER	() W3IIN	Jinny Haring	() W3YLT Bob Freer
DIRECTOR	() W3BBB	Jim Spencer	() N3GWG Stuart Tener
(Vote for two)	() KA3EBC	Charlie Weigand	() K3KUD Bob Schmilewske
	() N3FVI	Bill Popovic	() W3LKI Ben Roeshman
	() W3GQD	Bill Chedeville	

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